

**MINUTES OF THE
GEORGIA COMPOSITE BOARD OF PROFESSIONAL COUNSELORS,
SOCIAL WORKERS AND MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS
August 13, 2004**

The Georgia Composite Board of Professional Counselors, Social Workers and Marriage and Family Therapists met on Friday, August 13, 2004, at 237 Coliseum Drive, Macon, Georgia. This meeting was called to order at 9:00 a.m. with the following members present:

MEMBERS PRESENT

Patricia Harwell, MFT, Chair
Joan Fryer, LPC, Vice-Chair
Joyce Evans, Consumer
William Carlos Jackson, MFT
Jan Ligon, CSW
Christus Powell, MFT

****Eric Groh was present on August 5, 2004 to review files.

MEMBERS ABSENT

Helen W. Coale, CSW
Eric Groh, LPC
Janet H. Lenard, CSW
Donald M. Syfert, L.P.C.

STAFF PRESENT

Lee Tracy, Executive Director
Sandy Stembridge, Applications Specialist
Dena Kirkman, Board Secretary

GUESTS

Kyle Floyd, Staff Attorney
Gale Macke, LPCA Executive Director

EXECUTIVE SESSION

At 9:07 a.m. motion Jackson, seconded Powell, and the Board voted to enter into **Executive Session** in accordance with O.C.G.A. 43-1-2-(k) and 43-1-19(h) to deliberate on applications and enforcement matters and to receive information on applications and investigative reports. Voting in favor of the motion were those present who included Board members Harwell, Evans, Fryer, Jackson, and Ligon. The Board **concluded** **Executive Session** in order to vote on these matters and to continue with the public session.

OPEN SESSION

EXECUTIVE DIRECTOR'S REPORT

Lee Tracy presented a chart that Jan Ligon had requested showing the demographic trends in the number of applicants licensed in each profession for the past two years. Mr. Ligon was also interested in having a report showing the demographic trends in the number of applications received each year.

Ms. Tracy reported on the progress of the biennium renewals and the continuing education audit.

Ms. Tracy stated that there was no news concerning a new Board Attorney, but the new Board Attorney should be assigned by September.

Ms. Tracy stated that Lee Bowen, past Board Chair, had called and asked to be remembered to the present Board Members.

Ms. Tracy announced that Eric Groh had been reappointed to the Board, and that the governor's office was still looking at the possibility of appointing new members to the Composite Board.

A discussion was led by Ms. Tracy concerning the possible examination of applicants on the Board Laws and Rules. Ms. Tracy had asked Kyle Floyd to look at the present Rules to see if a new Rule would need to be drafted.

CORRESPONDENCE

Camellia Henry has requested to pursue a graduate degree through an online program offered by Northcentral University. Board would need to know more about the clinical experience and supervision received and how these would be integrated with the coursework in order to give an answer to the question.

Genea Yates had questions concerning endorsement into Georgia from Mississippi. The Board responded that a complete application would need to be received in order to fully evaluate her request.

Lee Bowen, MFT, has requested to be put on the list to be a Peer Reviewer.

Dr. Mancini faxed in questions concerning the practice of Bachelor degree counselors in Georgia and the requirements for them to see private clients. The Board answered that they would have to have a Master's degree and to refer to the Laws and Rules for the requirements. The second question was concerning a foreign graduate who received a Doctorate degree in Psychology abroad and who has not been able to fulfill the licensing requirements to be called a 'Psychologist' in Georgia. Would she still be referred to as 'Doctor'? Question should be referred to the Psychology Board and her degree should be evaluated for U.S. compliance.

Fax received from Alex Prince in which he states that he hopes that the Board will consider raising the amount of hours that can be obtained by independent study.

MINUTES

Motion Powell, seconded Jackson and motion carried, to approve the minutes of the July 9, 2004 meeting.

MISCELLANEOUS

The Board expressed their appreciation for all the work that Dominic Crea did as the Assistant Attorney General when he was assigned to the Board. The Board also wishes him well in his new position.

Kyle Floyd reported that a new Rule concerning the examination of applicants on the Laws and Rules may not be needed according to the present Rules.

Motion Fryer, seconded Powell and motion carried, to accept the Continuing Education Audits presented to Board.

THE BOARD MOVED TO ACCEPT THE FOLLOWING REPORTS:

Motion Powell, seconded Fryer and motion carried, to accept the **Marriage and Family Therapy Standards Report**.

ASSOCIATE MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Vatter, Rebekka Approved

MARRIAGE AND FAMILY THERAPISTS

Kelch-Oliver, Karia (endorsement/2 nd review)	Approved
Mathias, Carol, (exam)	Approved
Miller, Linda (exam waiver)	Approved
O'Connell, Muriel (endorsement)	Denied, see letter
Sanders, Valerie (exam)	Approved
Sexton, Melissa (exam/2 nd review)	Denied, see letter
Spivy, Renee (endorsement)	Approved

PRIOR APPROVAL FOR POST GRADUATE, EDUCATIONAL COURSES

Argosy University

PC6020 – Theories of Family Process and Development	Approved
PC6200 – Human Sexuality	Not Approved as Submitted

Due to there being no quorum present to review applications, Board acceptance of the **Licensed Professional Counselors Report** is delayed until the September board meeting at which time applications will have been reviewed by a second licensed professional counselor.

Due to there being no quorum present to review applications, Board acceptance of the **Social Workers Report** is delayed until the September board meeting at which time applications will have been reviewed by a second social worker.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Jackson, and seconded Powell and motion carried, to adjourn the meeting at 2:33 p.m.

Patricia R. Harwell, MFT, Chair
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